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LOK SABHA

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SMART Policing
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the concept of SMART Policing which was introduced in 2014;

(b) the status of the Supreme Court Directives in 2006 in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any action plan to reform the police;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering to include Police in the Concurrent List; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): During the 49th annual DGsP/IGsP conference held on 30th November, 2014, Hon'ble Prime Minister introduced the concept of 'SMART' Policing. "SMART" stands for: S-Sensitive and Strict; M- Modern and Mobility; A- Alert and Accountable; R- Reliable and Responsive and T- Trained and Techno-savvy. The Ministry of Home Affairs organized four Regional Workshops to strengthen the concept in the country. In these conferences, many innovative ideas and best practices followed by various
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States were discussed. Accordingly, a compilation of best SMART Policing initiatives, shortlisted in those conferences, was circulated in the DGsP/IGsP conference held in 2015 for implementation.

Central Government assists States/UTs in implementation of these initiatives under the Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF) scheme, as per priorities identified by the States/UTs. The implementation of 'SMART policing' is reviewed regularly in the annual DGsP/IGsP conference & other fora.

Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) has also prepared a road-map for implementation of the concept of SMART policing with certain indicators such as, (i) Enhanced Efficiency through Training; (ii) Technological Intervention to improve performance; (iii) Winning Public Trust and Confidence Building; (iv) Induction of Innovation and Modern Application in Policing; and (v) Improved Investigation through Scientific Aids and Application. The road-map has been uploaded on BPR&D website and has been conveyed to all concerned.

(b): The Hon'ble Supreme Court pronounced seven directives in 2006 in a Writ Petition filed by Prakash Singh & others, on police reforms. The first six directives, concerned with the State Governments/ UT Administrations,
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were forwarded to them for necessary action. As per information available, the status of implementation of various directives given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court by various States/UTs is given in the annexure. The Seventh Directive of Hon'ble Supreme Court was to set up a National Security Commission.The Union Government, initially, set up a Committee on National Security and Central Police Personnel Welfare vide Office Memorandum dated 02.01.2007. Thereafter, Union Government filed an applicationon 12.02.2007, before the Hon'ble Court, stating the difficulties in the implementation of the direction and for modifications/ clarifications in respect of setting up a National Security Commission. The Hon'ble Supreme Court is monitoring implementation of its judgement ibid.

(c) & (d): The Central Government set up various/ Commissions/Committees on police reforms and reviewed the matter from time to time to make police more efficient, effective, responsive to the needs of the people and accountable to the Rule of Law. The Government has also prepared a draft Model Police Bill, 2015 which has been placed on the website of BPR&D for comments of

various stakeholders. Further, all the States/UTs have been requested to identify positive stories/ good work being done at the Police Station level or by any other Police office at the
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district level or below and put the same in public domain on a website in the office of District SSP/SP and Commissioner of Police, for suitable replication in other States.

As 'Police' is State subject under the seventh schedule of the Constitution of India, it is the primarily responsibility of the State Governments/UTs administrations, to implement reforms in police administration and its working in order to make law and order of country more effective. The Centre persuades the States from time to time to implement the requisite police reforms.

(e) & (f): At present, there is no such proposal with the Central Government to include Police in the Concurrent list.

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